

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
June 7, 1926.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, June 7, 1926, and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Acting President Foley. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Foley. Absent Dennis.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 1926, were read and approved as read.

A letter from H. A. Payne, County Auditor, regarding an assessment on Carson and one on Arlington, was read. Action was to be taken under new business.

A recommendation to pay Markel & Son, contractors on the Fire station, submitted by Engineer Leonard, was read.

Trustee Brooks moved that the request of Markel & Son for a payment of 75% of last month's labor and material used on the Fire station be paid. Amount \$3500.00. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Foley

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Dennis.

Oswald Bros, Contractors on Cedar Ave. requested an extension of 60 days time for the completion of this work.

Trustee Wolfe moved that same be granted. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Torrance Chapter O E S expressed their thanks for the loan of the City park for the May day party.

The map of a certain subdivision was referred to the Planning Commission for approval before being acted upon by the Board.

Mr. Gascoigne reported that the Legion Hall was about ready for a sewer connection and asked the Board for orders as to extension of line.

Trustee Brooks moved that the City put in a sewer main from the most easily accessible point, to accommodate above connection, at the City's Expense. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Foley.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; President Dennis.

Engineer Leonard reported that the work on the Fire house was progressing satisfactorially.

Mr. Markel stated that practically all his labor and material was being procured locally and that he was receiving good cooperation from the Engineer and Architect.

Attorney Briney reported that Mr. Leonard had found, in the files of the Dominguez Land Co., an agreement between the Dominguez Land Co. and the P. E. covering the question of grade crossings over their rights of way. The attorney read this agreement which had never been recorded.

Trustee Brooks moved that the City Engineer draw up a request, such request to be joined in by the Dominguez Land Co., asking the P. E. for grade crossings at all streets to which the City is entitled under this agreement.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Foley.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; President Dennis.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 135
 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 133 REFERRING TO SALARIES

Trustee Brooks moved that Ordinance No. 135 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Foley.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; President Dennis.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 136
 CHANGING BILLIARD HALL AND BOWLING ALLEY
 REGULATIONS

Trustee Brooks moved that Ordinance No. 136 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Foley.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; President Dennis.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 287
 VACATING OF STREETS AND ALLEYS AS PER C C M O
 REQUEST

Trustee Brooks moved that Resolution of Intention No. 287 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Foley.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; President Dennis.

Trustee Brooks moved that this Board ratify the action of the City Clerk in notifying the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Co. of reservations on street abandonment and that a copy of said letter be spread on the minutes.

Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.
Above mentioned letter follows:

"May 28, 1926."

"Chanslor-Canfield
Midway Oil Company,
Torrance, California.

Gentlemen:

I am directed by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance to inform you that said Board has passed its resolution of intention to vacate and abandon the streets which you recently requested vacated, excepting Cedar Avenue, and that portion of Monterey Avenue lying East of Maple Avenue, and also, excepting El Dorado Avenue East of Maple Avenue.

The time for filing of written protests by the property owners against such proceedings will expire on Tuesday, July 6, 1926. Any such protests will be laid before the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on the 6th day of July. If no protests are filed the Board may on that day proceed to introduce the ordinance vacating such streets, or may of their own motion continue the matter to a day certain, or make such other disposition as they deem advisable.

I am further instructed to inform you that such Board of Trustees requests your corporation to make certain written guarantees to the City of Torrance before the introduction of an ordinance vacating such streets, such guarantees to be as follows:

(1) That your company will pay all of the expenses of the proceedings to vacate said streets, which it is estimated will not exceed four hundred dollars.

(2) That Maple Avenue will be rededicated to the City along its entire present length and width within thirty days after the publication of the ordinance declaring vacation of the same.

(3) That neither your company, nor any successor in interest, will install railroad rip tracks or classification yards on any of the property now owned by your company in the City of Torrance.

(4) That there will be rededicated to the City of Torrance within three years, at least four North and South streets, in addition to Maple Avenue, and extending from El Camino Real on the South, to Carson Street or Monterey Avenue on the North. The location of which streets shall be indicated in such written agreement, after having first been agreed upon between yourself, and the City of Torrance. It is desired that one of these streets be a continuation of Fern Avenue.

(5) That within said three year period at least two East and West streets through your present holdings South of Carson Street be rededicated to the City of Torrance extending from Madrona Avenue on the West to the Easterly boundary of your property.

(6) That all street crossings over any railroad tracks which may be built upon your property will be maintained by the owner of such railroad so that the paving or other improvements of the street crossing such railroad shall be equal to the paving of the street immediately adjacent to such crossing, and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer of the City of Torrance.

(7) That automatic wig-wag signals be kept in operation on all crossings on Maple Street, and such other crossings as shall be ordered by the Railroad Commission of the State of California, and the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance.

(8) That any railroad company which shall in the future acquire the right in any manner, to install tracks on any property in the City of Torrance now owned by the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, or the Santa Fe Railroad Company, or subsidiaries, lying East of Madrona Avenue, or within what is now known as C. C. M. O. Camp, shall be, by such railroad at all times declared to be within the switching limits of the City of Torrance.

(9) That existing pipe-line franchises in the streets proposed to be vacated shall be fully recognized as continuing to exist for the period granted.

(10) The foregoing conditions or guarantees numbered two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, shall be conditions running with the land.

(11) That the company obtain for the City of Torrance a deed from the present owners of the railroad property on Madrid Avenue granting to the City of Torrance an easement for street purposes for prolongation of Sonoma Avenue across said railway property.

(12) That your company deed to the City of Torrance an easement for street purposes over the Southerly 60 feet of Blocks 1, 2, 3, Tract 4070, so that El Dorado may be made a continuous thoroughfare West to Maple.

(13) That any other persons or corporations owning an interest in, or lien against the property to be charged by any of the conditions or easements above mentioned shall join in the execution of the written agreements above mentioned.

It is the intention of the Board of Trustees to co-operate with you in promoting the best interest of the City of Torrance, both present and future, and they will be glad to meet and discuss with you this request which they are making of you in connection with your request for vacation of streets, to the end that if there any minor details which can be changed to meet your convenience and necessity without jeopardizing the interests of the City of Torrance, such may be done.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance."

Clerk Bartlett reported for the Recorder fines of \$75.00 and civil cases \$42.75 for month of May.

Building permits amounted to \$45843.00.

Action on the letter from Auditor Payne, regarding assessments on Carson and Arlington, was held over in order that same might receive consideration from the City Engineer and Attorney..

Trustee Wolfe introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 137
CHANGING LICENSE FEE OF CONTRACTORS

Trustee Brooks moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Foley.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Dennis.

At 9:15 p.m., Trustee Brooks moved to adjourn. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

J. F. Foley
President pro-tem of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.